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ABSTRACT

Geared primarily toward the black community and published by the Children's Defense Fund, this report provides background materials and statistical data which communicate the status of black children in America and what can be done to improve it. There are 3 sections in the report. Part 1 describes the conditions of black children and the continuing inequality between white and black children despite the extraordinary progress made in dismantling legal segregation and discrimination. Part 2 provides a beginning action checklist for various black networks, including parents, organizations, members of the black community, coaches, health and social service professionals, school board members, principals, business leaders, record and entertainment companies, churches, and college students. Part 3 contains an overview and detailed tables of black and white child status in a range of areas, including health, education, employment, crime, and childbearing and sexuality. The report concludes with an appendix containing additional tables of data on areas including: (1) the chances of a black child in America living in poverty relative to a white peer; (2) poverty rates in various U.S. states and cities; and (3) an immunization schedule. (JW)

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